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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following instances of violations by Iraq of the terms of the cease-fire between the two countries.

1. On 5 July 1993, at approximately 1215 hours, an oceanliner, named R.T., weighing approximately 20,000 tons, seemingly without cargo and flying the Italian flag, accompanied by two tugboats flying the Iraqi flag, sailed opposite the Khorramshahr four-post quay and went towards the sea.

2. On 1 August 1993, at 2200 hours, a number of anti-revolutionary elements penetrated 15 kilometres into Iranian territory at the geographical coordinates of 2052 on the map of Piranshahr. They entered the village of Kasseh Geran, east of border pillar 117/9 and Kouhe Havar Bar Khoda. They then left the village and returned to Iraq.

3. On 2 August 1993, 11 Iraqi personnel were seen digging a trench at the geographical coordinates of 420024 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/1 and south of border pillar 53/2 and the Manzarieh sentry post.

4. On 3 August 1993, at 1400 hours, 15 anti-revolutionary elements crossed the international border and penetrated 7 kilometres into Iranian territory at the geographical coordinates of 9407 on the map of Dizej, east of border pillar 125/7 and the Bozsina Pass and the Rag Ziarat Heights. These elements returned to Iraq when pursued by Iranian forces.

5. On 3 August 1993, at 1940 hours, seven Iraqi military personnel were seen on guard duty in no man's land at the geographical coordinates of 496-505 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillars 44/3, 44/4 and 44/5 and height 402.

6. On 3 August 1993, at 2400 hours, anti-revolutionary elements penetrated 13 kilometres into Iranian territory at the geographical coordinates of 1648 on the map of Piranshahr, east of border pillar 117/7 and the Bozorgsir Mount of Bavin Abad village. They engaged in battle with Iranian forces, three of whom were martyred as a result.

7. On 4 August 1993, at 0700 and 0810 hours, six Iraqi military personnel were seen digging a canal at the geographical coordinates of 42700-02400 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/1 and south of border pillar 53/2 and the Manzarieh sentry post in Iraq.

8. On 4 August 1993, at 0810 hours, 10 Iraqi personnel were seen getting out of a vehicle at the geographical coordinates of 428-024 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/1 and south of border pillar 53/2 and the Manzarieh sentry post in Iraq.

9. On 4 August 1993, at 2145 hours, five anti-revolutionary elements crossed the international border and penetrated 2 kilometres into Iranian territory. They fired at Iranian forces at the geographical coordinates of 65-52 on the map of Chefteh, east of border pillar 62/4, within 300 metres of the Bavisi sentry post. These elements returned to Iraq after Iranian forces returned fire.

10. On 4 August 1993, at 2300 hours, two Iraqis with a boat penetrated 6 kilometres into Iranian territory in the area opposite the Talaiyeh sentry post at the geographical coordinates of 61-45, west of Joonir, north-east of border pillar 14/3, and approached Iranian forces. They then returned to Iraqi territory.

11. On 6 August 1993, at 1130 hours, 10 Iraqis were seen walking at the geographical coordinates of 811-082 on the map of Chay Gharreh Tappeh, south-west of border pillar 24/9.

12. On 7 August 1993, at 0730 hours, 26 Iraqis were seen digging a trench at the geographical coordinates of 427-024 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/1 and south of border pillar 53/2 and the Manzarieh sentry post in Iraq.

13. On 7 August 1993, at 1300 hours, four Iraqi vehicles were seen moving towards the township of Aligharbi at the geographical coordinates of 811-082 on the map of Chay Gharreh Tappeh, south of border pillar 24/9.

14. On 8 August 1993, at 0900 hours, an Iraqi Toyota carrying a rocket launcher and nine passengers were seen at the geographical coordinates of 285-824 on the map of Nahr-e-Anbar in no man's land, north-east of border pillar 22/31 and height 183.

15. On 8 August 1993, at 2100 hours, Iraqis fired volleys from light weapons at the sentry post 1500 metres south of the air-sea station in Khosroabad. Iranian forces returned the fire and after the shooting stopped two Iraqi motor boats were seen moving in Arvandrood in the direction of Iraqi's coast.

16. On 9 August 1993, at 1200 hours, a group of 17 Iraqi military personnel in three jeeps carrying military equipment, including a large gun, passed through no man's land 300 metres from the border at the geographical coordinates of 3031-4802 opposite the sentry post of Shalamcheh. They stopped for 30 minutes and then left the area.

17. On 9 August 1993, at 2200 hours, the sound of two explosions was heard at the geographical coordinates of 41112 on the map of Khosravi in no man's land south of border pillar 56/1.

18. On 11 August 1993, at 1200 hours, 10 individuals in military clothes were seen installing barbed wire at the geographical coordinates of 461-157 in no man's land, north-west of border pillar 75/6 situated at Aghda's Heights.

19. On 11 August 1993, at 1740 hours, two Iraqi buses were seen passing at the geographical coordinates of 3760 on the map of Yebis between the area north-west and south-west of border pillars 26/5 and 26/6.

20. On 11 August 1993, at 1940 hours, Iraqi forces set fire to dry grass at the geographical coordinates of 333-444 on the map of Kouhe Toonel, south of border pillars 26/5 and 26/6.

21. On 12 August 1993, at 0300 hours, three Iraqi military personnel crossing the border entered the Iranian territory and hit mines at the geographical coordinates of 17-75 on the map of Khorramshahr, 3 kilometres away from the south-eastern side of Shalamcheh sentry post in the vicinity of its observation tower which resulted in the killing of those personnel. The bodies remain in the area north of border pillars 1/11 and 1/12, and they cannot be removed because the area is mined.

22. On 13 August 1993, at 1010 hours, two Iraqis were seen scouting at the geographical coordinates of 432-654 on the map of Naftshahr, in the no man's land of the Chalai sentry post of Iraq, west of the border river of Gonehkabood.

23. On 14 August 1993, at 2250 hours, Iraqi forces fired six mortar shells from the geographical coordinates of 382-082 on the map of Khosravi in the direction of the geographical coordinates of 402-121 on the map of Khosravi. The shells hit the ground in no man's land, south of border pillar 56/11.

24. On 14 August 1993, two Iraqi lorries carrying 16 passengers were seen trespassing at the geographical coordinates of 62-33 on the map of Chazzabeh in no man's land, west of border pillar 20 and south-east of border pillar 21.

25. On 16 and 17 August 1993, at 1330 hours, and on 18 August at 1300 hours, 20 Iraqi engineering crew personnel, including some scuba divers, initiated three explosions to demolish the Be'sat Bridge at the geographical coordinates of 665-150 on the map of Nahr-e-Alishir. The crew left the area on a tugboat and a military boat after completion of their mission. On 19 August at 1300 hours, the same crew was seen at the same location. They left the area without taking any action because of strong winds and bad weather.

26. On 18 August 1993, between 0800 and 1100 hours, Iraqi earth diggers were seen digging individual trenches in the border area of Shalamcheh at the geographical coordinates of 3031-4802.

27. On 19 August 1993, at 0900 hours, three Iraqi vehicles were seen moving at the geographical coordinates of 3652 on the map of Yebis in the

direction of the geographical coordinates of 3760 on the map of Yebis, north-west and south-west of border pillars 22/11 and 22/12.

28. On 20 August 1993, at 1700 hours, at the geographical coordinates of 5150-4050 on the map of Khosroabad, a shot was fired at Iranian forces.

29. On 21 August 1993, at 1030 hours, 10 Iraqi military personnel were seen destroying a trench at the geographical coordinates of 42-06 on the map of Khosravi in no man's land south of border pillar 53/3.

30. On 23 August 1993, at 1930 hours, a number of Iraqi forces were training at the geographical coordinates of 54-416 on the map of Sumar, in no man's land, west of Makki pond and border pillar 43.

31. On 24 August 1993, two Iraqi military personnel were seen after crossing the embankment on the Iraqi side and no man's land with the intention of approaching the Iranian border sentry post of Shalamcheh at the geographical coordinates of 4802 and 3031. They returned to their side of the border after they realized they had been spotted and then proceeded to throw stones.

32. On 24 August 1993, at 2200 hours, three anti-revolutionary elements approached the tower of the border sentry post of Bahramabad in Mehran District situated at a river beside the border line. They fired at the tower with lightweight weapons and returned to the other side of the border when Iranian forces fired back.

33. On 25 August 1993, at 1030 hours, an ocean liner, seemingly without cargo and pulled by an Iraqi tugboat, left Basra Port for the sea.

34. On 25 August 1993, at 2030 hours, an armed individual on the border river fired six bullets to the north of the eastern tower of the Bahramabad sentry post at the geographical coordinates of PB265 on the map of Mehran. Iranian personnel in the tower responded to the shooting.

35. On 26 August 1993, at 1030 hours, a number of Iraqi military personnel were seen digging a canal at the geographical coordinates of 493-505 on the map of Sumar in no man's land, west of height 402 and border pillars 44/4 and 44/5.

36. On 26 August 1993, at 1600 hours, an Iranian 911 Mercedes Benz hit a mine on the Naoabad road at the geographical coordinates of NF4221 on the map of Alavan. The mine was planted 19 kilometres east of the border pillar by anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border and violated Iranian territory. The explosion led to the death of one soldier and the wounding of two others.

37. On 27 August 1993, an Iranian vehicle at the geographical coordinates of NE9246 on the map of Marivan, north of border pillar 94 and the Khanom Sheikhan, became the target of shootings by armed bandits on the other side of the border. As a result, three Iranian personnel and one member of the border police were injured.

38. On 27 August 1993, at 1100 hours, Iraqi forces fired red flare bullets at the geographical coordinates of 58-34 north of Hoor-al-Woeizeh south-west of border pillar 21/11. This set the dry grass in the area ablaze.

39. On 30 August 1993, 12 anti-revolutionaries crossed the border and penetrated into Iranian territory in the vicinity of Hendabad village at the geographical coordinates of NF5204 on the map of Barisoo. They lectured to the villagers and then left the village to return to Iraq.

40. On 30 August 1993, 20 anti-revolutionaries penetrated into Iranian territory at Sanjoo village at the geographical coordinates of NE4486 on the map of Sardasht, north of the Dovaleh sentry post and the river of Gelass, and south-east of Zinoosheihk. They lectured to the villagers and then left the village to return to Iraq.

41. On 31 August 1993, at 2230 hours, some anti-revolutionary elements crossed the border into the Islamic Republic of Iran and engaged in fighting with Iranian forces at the geographical coordinates of NF5202 on the map of Barisoo. They then returned to Iraq.

42. On 31 August 1993, 24 anti-revolutionary elements crossed the border and violated Iranian territory at the geographical coordinates of NE4797 on the map of Barisoo. They were pursued by Iranian forces and returned to Iraq.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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